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REMARKS

In the above referenced Office action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a method of screening a peptoid;
- II. Claims 13-29, drawn to a method of screening a library of different peptoids; and
- III. Claims 30-32, drawn to a method of determining the sequence by MS-MS.

In response, the applicants elect Group II without traverse. Non-elected claims 1-12 and 30-32 have been canceled.

In response to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect for initial prosecution the species of formula I (recited in claim 24) represented by figure 1D in the specification, and a non-duplicate array. This election is made with traverse because the duplicate array of claim 18 cannot reasonably be considered a separate "species of the claimed invention". The claimed invention is directed to a method of screening (independent claim 13). There is no claim directed to such screening of the duplicate array. (Dependent claim 19 recites the use of the duplicate array for identification purposes.)

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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